

**KANEGASAKI SISTER CITY COMMITTEE**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**March 2, 2010**

**4:00 PM Senior Center Alice Dowd Lounge**

**Members Present:** Amy Springer (Interim Chair), Denise Boyd, Florence Boynton, Jule Dupre, Byron Koh (Secretary), Nancy Pagano

**Others:** Aaron Hayden, (Select Board Liaison)

**Members Absent:** Helen MacMellon, Bill Hutchinson, Stephanie Joyce, Aaron Kropf, Kathleen Woods Masalski, Nancy Bess, Yuko Takahashi

**Minutes of Janury, 2010:** Accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Florence reported that there is \$1455.63 in the KSCC account at Town Hall. At the meeting, she received a check for \$100 and a bill for \$57.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**Brochure** Jule asked members to distribute a new green KSCC brochure that asks for "time, effort, and money" to help support our city exchanges.

**March Visit of K. Middle School Students**

**- Wednesday, March 24:** The students are expected to arrive about noon at Town Hall where they will drop off their luggage. They will then walk to the Bangs Community Center for a pizza lunch followed by a van tour of Amherst. Denise thanked Nancy for arranging for the van and driver. Mike Sullivan will drive and show Tim Banks the tour in preparation for his driving next year. From 4:45– 5:30 PM there will be a formal welcoming reception at the Town Hall. Florence Boynton and Nancy Pagano will provide the refreshments. Aaron Hayden, Larry Shaffer, and Byron, (representing the Committee) will speak. Denise will introduce the 11 students to their host families. After the young people depart, the Kanegasaki chaperones will be driven to the Allen House for check-in. In the evening the two Kanegasaki chaperones and their interpreter will be taken by Denise and others to a restaurant; the meal for the chaperones, their interpreter and area teachers who attend will be paid for by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies.

**- Thursday, March 25:** Nancy will pick the chaperones and their interpreter up at the Allen House at 5:45 pm and take them to Jule's house for a (6–9 pm) pot luck supper with Committee members. (KSCC members should RSVP to Jule if they will be attending.)

**-Friday, March 26:** For the Farewell Dinner at the High School from 5:45 – 8 pm, members are asked to bring a potluck dish. Byron will say good bye on behalf of the KSCC. Yuko will bring her Japanese language students. Certain members should bring a small gift, neatly wrapped to exchange.

**- Saturday, March 27:** Nancy will pick up the three chaperones at the Allen House at 9:30 AM and take them for an area tour & lunch before dropping them off in Northampton for bowling. After bowling the Kanegasaki group will return to Amherst where they will meet at Town Hall before departing the area.

**Town Hall Display**

Nancy described the new Kanegasaki Sister City display created by Aaron Kropf in the Town Hall as "clear, artistic, beautiful."

**Miyuki's Baby**

Denise will organize the Committee's acknowledgement of her baby. A gift to send back with the chaperones could be baby wear with Amherst or an Eric Carl book.

**Reminder:** send Aaron Hayden addresses for the database of potential supporters.

**Next Meeting:** April 14, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the Bangs Center. Amy Springer will be Interim Chair.

**Adjournment** The meeting ended at 4:55 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by Byron Koh, Secretary**